

George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans' Home
Advisory Board Meeting
Oct 23, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 1600 hours by Bob Jones the Advisory Board Chair. The following individuals were in attendance:

Dennis McFall

Bob Ramos

Norm Nelson

Bob Jones

Dennis Howland

James Kopecky

Casey Kunimura

Jerry Taylor

Fasi Filiaga

Judy Lemmons

Kim Wixon, State Officer, Staff to the Advisory Board

Kelly Snowball, Nursing Home Administrator, Avalon

State Officer Report:

Kim reported on the Veterans' Tribute Tower visual tank firing display. Kim reported that he received only \$600 in donations at the three day Provo Freedom Festival. There may have been some territorial issues due to the home being in Ogden and Provo in Utah County.

Audio-Visual Equipment for the multi-purpose room. Kim briefed that a new smaller bid is in the works and will be hopefully installed prior to the next board meeting.

Scout Projects.

Planters are installed and flowers have been planted in two of them. The resident council paid for the materials. There will be a total of twelve planters in the courtyard.

Bird feeders are still in progress. Not yet installed.

Bricks around the tribute tower are nearly at the ½ capacity. InnerPace company informed us that the previously purchased bricks are nearly exhausted. Dennis believed the initial purchase was 500 bricks and over 400 are in the circle.

Other Projects

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| 1. Welcome | Bob Jones |
| 2. State Officer's Report | Kim Wixon |
| a. Projects update | |
| Vehicles for OVH | |
| Future projects | |
| 3. Avalon Report | Kelly Snowball |
| Census | |
| b. Clinical Reports | Kelly Snowball |
| c. Staffing | Kelly Snowball |
| d. Financials | Kelly Snowball |
| a. Report on Medicaid | |
| e. Budget for 2011 | |
| 4. Old Business | Bob Jones |
| a. Fence | |
| 5. New Business | Bob Jones |
| 6. Next Meeting | Bob Jones |
| 7. Executive Committee Meeting | |
| a. Approval of Sept 23, 2010 minutes | Bob Jones |

B. Restricted Fund
c. Donation Fund

Kim Wixon
Kim Wixon

8. Open Discussion

Bob Jones

9. Adjourn

Bob Jones

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Vehicles for OVH. The current vehicle belongs to Avalon corporation. Dennis recommended a motion to recommend to the Terry that funds be used to purchase vehicles. A motion was made and approved to recommend to Terry the purchase of vehicles up to \$60,000 with an option to contact UTA about getting vehicles from them.

Bob Jones then turned time over to Kelly Snowball for the Avalon report.

Avalon Report:

Kelly gave a report on the operations of the Veterans' Home. The census was 95. The home is at about 76% occupancy. Kelly stated that there were approximately 12 Veterans on the waiting list. Kelly reported that some electronic medical records and other systems were worked on to bring them on line and to insure the systems were operating correctly.

Kelly gave a briefing on Aid and Attendance. The pharmacy at the VA will not pay for all medications for veterans. Aid and attendance is still a frustrating issue. The board was asked if there was anything they could do to assist. Dennis explained that there has always been a long delay in any A&A applications being approved. The board passed a motion that Terry take this issue to the NSVAD and address at the Washington DC meeting.

Kelly gave a clinical report. A discussion was held on employee training and turn-over. Kelly stated that training and education were being reemphasized. A discussion was held on the special needs of those veterans in the Memory Care community. Many of the Veterans are very intelligent and test the security system.

Kelly gave a financial report. 126 employees. 17 employees are veterans or spouses of veterans. Three employees have family in Iraq or Afghanistan. The Veterans' Home had a positive cash flow in the month. Dennis raised the question as to if the Home could be charging for bed hold while a Veteran is out of the building. (Kim later found that the home must be at 90% occupancy prior to instituting bed hold.)

Kelly distributed a survey results for Pinnacle. This survey showed the customer service satisfaction of the residents.

Faye Lincoln asked for the discussion of Medicaid be delayed to the next meeting.

Dennis asked where the level was for Medicaid beds before the Medicaid bed tax triggers. Kelly will investigate.

Old Business.

The consignment company at the Standard Examiner building is willing to set up an account for the Veterans' Home. However, they were not interested in the work out equipment.

The Hill Thrift Shop was mentioned as a good source of donations also. Kim reported that the Hill Thrift Shop has donated \$1,100 to the home.

Kim gave a report on the fence. The cost is quite high. Norm Nelson stated that he was working to find a group of veterans that would do the labor.

Lena Imes is the new Resident Council representative.

A question was asked by Judy Lemmons about the status of developing a name badge for the name tags for the Advisory Board.

New Business.

Admiral Taylor informed the board of a state program to adopt a desert tortoise. Kim will check into the program.

Fasi noted that Kim and his wife, Sherrill, walked along the parade route for the Ogden July 24th and passed out flyers on the Veterans' Tribute Tower.

Next meeting is September 30th at 1600 hours. (This date was later changed to September 23rd to accommodate Avalon staff.)

Executive Committee Meeting

June minutes were approved.

Kim discussed the restricted and non-restricted funds. Kim explained that purchases under \$1,000 are Avalon's responsibility, \$1,000 to \$5,000 is UVA's responsibility and over \$5,000 require the Advisory Board's approval.

Kim explained that any donators to the Veterans' Home receive a thank you letter either from him or from Terry Schow that can be used for IRS purposes.

Bob Jones brought up the fiduciary responsibilities of the board in helping to raise funds for the Veterans' Tribute Tower. Bob gave a donation of \$550 from his wife.

The board recommended the bell be left in the trailer parked in front of the building. Fasi volunteered to bring in a lock for the trailer.

A needs list is still required for the website.

A mission statement was distributed.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.